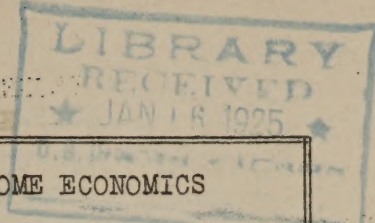


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Arizona

The county-wide get-together meeting was attended by over 180 women and children. Nine of the large communities of Pima and Santa Cruz Counties were represented. The meeting was held in the county extension office and was the first attempt to hold a meeting of this kind. The State leader asked the women if they would like to have this meeting repeated and they voted unanimously to hold at least one a year.

At the meeting, work done in the rural communities during the year was exhibited. The work consisted of simple but attractive garments for the children and the housewife, simple home furnishings, ideas for homemade gifts, charts showing some demonstration work of various kinds done in other communities, and a map of the counties showing the principal home demonstration projects that have been carried on in each community.

Refreshments were served, and a short program and social hour were enjoyed. The women were quite enthusiastic about the meeting, and the State leader and the agent felt that it was time and effort well spent.

* No attempt is made to cite all references to recreational activities and pageants in this circular. Only selected extracts showing typical methods employed and results obtained in a number of States are included. Owing to differences in terminology used in various States and to other local conditions, the information contained herein should be reviewed by the State subject-matter specialist concerned before incorporating any part of it in the extension program for the State.

Moving pictures were shown in six different communities by the county agent and the home demonstration agent with an attendance of 731. The films were from the Department of Agriculture and were very instructive and much enjoyed by both parents and children.

Lantern slides on Hopi Indian life were used by the county agent as a basis for a talk. These were used in five different communities, mostly for evening entertainment. The slides belonging to the agent were loaned to other communities where they entertained over 500 people.

The rural community clubs of Pima County arranged their summer programs before the agent took up work in Santa Cruz County and kept up their regular meetings all summer. In five different localities plans were made for socials, the agent assisting the rural communities. There were games and refreshments, and a good time was reported. - Evalyn A. Bently, Home Demonstration Agent, Tucson, Pima and Santa Cruz Counties.

California

In May the county federation of woman's clubs promoted a pageant, with the county librarian and the county music supervisor as the main leaders. The Solano County farm bureau agreed to take part in the pageant and assist in making it a success for the county. The pageant took place in May with an attendance of about 5,000 people. It was written by one of the high-school teachers in Fairfield. The music, dances, and costumes were also original, and all assistance was entirely volunteer. This made it possible to present the pageant without admission charge. The pageant was spectacular and beautiful and was a means of bringing the people from all the communities in Solano County together for one common purpose.

The pageant was held at Benicia. The various communities presented their historical parts. The farm bureau and the extension service took part in the pageant in the last episode, the "Army of Education." The libraries, schools, Red Cross, and other civic bodies were represented.

The home demonstration agent and the county agent, bearing shields like the signs on the extension cars, marched in the parade. The president of the farm bureau also marched and carried a farm-bureau banner. Everyone was delighted with the success of the pageant.

The Suisun Valley farm center has given dances each month in the hall which they have leased to raise money for hall improvement. Approximately 3,200 people have attended the dances and about \$1,600 has been taken in. The center is looking forward to procuring a new hall, the money from the dances to be used as a building fund. - Katherine E. Bennett, Home Demonstration Agent, Fairfield, Solano County.

Colorado

The Labor-Day celebration was held at the park, and this was the best opportunity for the club to show its work, because several members attend school away from home. Several years ago this park was set aside as a playground for the people. The tract contains 160 acres and has a nice lot of cottonwood trees that have been there for years, and each year more trees are planted. Many cities have arranged parks and playgrounds, but this venture of the Walk's Camp is said to be unique in the history of the United States in that a group of country people have thus arranged a playground. The Fourth of July and Labor

Day are always observed at the park. Various games and sports are the order of the day. A swimming pool is already a part of the natural equipment of the park, and this is to be enlarged.

On Wednesday, September 12, Genoa day was celebrated. This is a celebration of the founding of the town. While this is not primarily an extension activity, the extension agent has always cooperated to make the celebration as educational as possible.

Songs, recitations, and a lecture on the vital issues of the day as concerns our national existence were given in the forenoon, and we wish to commend the idea to all fairs because too much of the literature of the day is not conducive to the building of a staunch, intelligent, well-balanced citizenry. The agricultural exhibits were worth while and were a proper presentation of the industry which makes the town a possibility. The attendance was estimated at 750. - G. P. Newson, County Agent, Hugo, Lincoln County.

Illinois

The farm bureau has organized a baseball team on which any member of a family represented by a farm-bureau membership may play. The organization has been self-supporting, getting its income from concessions at the county farm-bureau picnics. Suits have been purchased for the team, and a number of games were played last year, largely with local organizations. In order to get more teams of the same standing, the baseball team gave a wild-duck supper to which representatives from seven other counties were invited. The purpose of this meeting was to interest the other counties in organizing similar teams for the purpose of playing county games next year.

The project has been approved by a number of other counties, and an attempt will be made to play a series of intercounty games in connection with farm-bureau picnics. - Robert W. Dickenson, County Agent, Virginia, Cass County.

During the last year, six reading circles were established which enabled the women to do more systematic reading. Books were selected by the groups and were obtained from the State library. Many interesting games have been demonstrated by the units, such games as might be played in the home by members of the family.

Besides the reading circles and the games we had two or three "fun stunts," such as the white-elephant box which was conducted in a number of units. Four units had evening parties at which the families of the members came together. Visiting, get-acquainted games, and refreshments were the general plan of the evening. Local leaders trained under the direction of the State specialist demonstrated health exercises in a number of the units.

The Milk Fairies pageant given at the home bureau - farm bureau picnic was the best piece of team work and cooperation that our county has accomplished so far. The county recreation chairman was assisted by five women on the general committee and five women who were leaders of the groups of children. The assistant State leader assisted with two practices, and the county agent assisted with only four practices.

On the day of the picnic every member of the committee, every group leader, and every one of the 58 children who were to take a part were present and ready to give the performance on scheduled time. The children had learned their parts well, and we believe they will not soon forget some of the lessons taught by the fairies. There was an attendance of about 900 people. - Edna Truman, Home Demonstration Agent, Charleston, Coles County.

In this county, recreation was put on as a county project. The county chairman, assisted by Miss Harris, directed the work from December, 1922 to the present time. Two county-wide training schools were held in Decatur where recreation leaders were instructed in games, programs for community picnics, and the dramatization of stories. The program for the year was made out and sent to each unit. This program, for the most part, was carried out in all units. Aside from the program for the regular unit meetings, the recreational leaders assisted in promoting community frolics and one or two plays, and carried their ideas on to other organizations to help make the program alive.

The county recreational chairman at the farm and home bureau picnic put on a flower pageant which took in children from several of the units. Another feature was the playground activities directed by a home-bureau member and her friends. At stated intervals, story telling by a professional attracted all the children to the same place. This part of the program was so successful that it has been tried out in other gatherings. - Neva E. Woods, Home Demonstration Agent, Decatur, Macon County.

Iowa

A state-wide farmers' debate was conducted during the past year on the question, "Resolved that the producers' contract is essential to the great success of cooperative marketing organizations." The chief purpose of this debate was to develop ability in public speaking, to stimulate a spirit of friendly competition between communities, to disseminate information on an important question, and to furnish entertainment at rural meetings. Any farmer in the State was eligible to try out for the debate. Two hundred and six townships representing 72 counties entered teams and 1,686 sets of debate material were prepared by the extension service and sent out. By a process of elimination debates, each county selected its best team. This county team was then pitted against another county team. Polk and Fayette Counties remained in the contest longest and contested for State honors at Ames, the Fayette team winning the decision and the State championship. So keen has been the interest in these debates and so beneficial the results that arrangements are now made for another state-wide contest. - W. H. Stacey, Rural Organization Specialist, Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, Ames.

I feel that our organization is growing, as the women in 10 townships have regular meeting dates and meet once a month. More are following, and we are trying to make it 100 per cent by another year. During the winter months seven of the townships were holding joint meetings in the daytime. We had much better crowds than at night. At these meetings we have carried out the idea of the family farm bureau - the men, women, and children taking part in the programs.

At the annual Brown township meeting a very clever mock trial was given, trying Mr. Farmer for robbing the soil.

This fall the members of the Betram township farm bureau felt they needed some money, so they put on a Hallowe'en program. As they wanted to bring in agriculture in some way, the wedding of Miss Agriculture and Mr. John Farmer was staged. The following is a description of the wedding:

Groom: Mr. John Farmer.

Bride: Miss Agriculture.

The groom was attired in blue jacket and overalls.

The bride was attired in a bungalow apron, and her veil was held in place by strands of corn kernels. Her gloves were of white cotton flannel; her bouquet was a cabbage with showers of small potatoes and kernels of corn.

Two little girls were the flower girls, and as it was Hallowe'en they wore black sateen aprons and broad sashes of yellow crepe paper and caps of the same. One carried a small basket with a few choice ears of corn and the other a basket of yellow chrysanthemums.

The bridesmaids, Miss Corn and Miss Oats, were also attired in bungalow aprons and wore hats trimmed with large bows and streamers of yellow crepe paper. They carried bouquets of the tops of late corn with a few ears on. The best man, Mr. Livestock, was attired in farmer's garb and caused much merriment by his frantic search for the ring which he finally located in his hose. Any kind of a ring can be used- they used a bull ring.

The ceremony went something like this:

"Dearly beloved, we have been called upon to assemble on an occasion of great interest to the farmers of this community. Miss Agriculture and Mr. John Farmer have plighted their troth and signified their intention of journeying down the path of life as one. Now it becomes necessary that they each enter into a solemn and binding obligation. First, however, I wish to ask if anyone knows of any reason why these two should not be joined together; if so, speak now or ever after be silent." (Farm-bureau knocker objects, and the best man removes him. Minister asks couple if willing to proceed and then asks for ring.)

"Miss Agriculture, place your right milking machine in John Farmer's right bread winner; pronounce your full name and repeat with me: 'I, Miss Agriculture, do solemnly promise that from this on I will be industrious, milk the pigs, slop the cows, and at all times be full of ambition and willingness to further all John's plans for the betterment of agriculture. I, John Farmer, do solemnly promise to harvest the soil, sow the corn, plant the oats, shuck the hay and thrash the pumpkins and kids, and under no circumstances rob the soil, so help me Uncle Sam.'"

Preceding the ceremony a quartette of girls sang the Iowa corn song. - F. Lippincott, Home Demonstration Agent, Cedar Rapids, Linn County.

Kansas

The agent had felt for some time that if by some means the women could be gotten together in a county-wide meeting so that the work could be explained and planned, it would be a great help in carrying on the work, as the greatest drawback in the county is lack of cooperation of the women in holding county-wide meetings.

The annual meeting in January, at which a basket dinner was served, brought the women from all parts of the county together. All seemed to enjoy it so much and to be so glad to meet women from other parts of the county that the agent thought it would be a good plan to attempt to have a party. A party just to play and have a good time would also give the agent a chance to get the work of the county before the women in such a way as to give them a much broader view of what they are trying to accomplish.

May 26 was finally set as the date for the party. Invitations were sent out to all the club presidents, vice presidents, and club leaders and a number of individual women who had been prominent in farm-bureau work. Forty-three invitations were sent out two weeks before the party. Thirty of the women came to the party.

A committee had been appointed to furnish each woman with a pencil and tag on which to write her name, community, and office, if any, of her club. After all had arrived the women were divided into groups according to the month in which they were born, and each group was asked to give some stunt to represent its month. The agent had stunts to suggest to the groups needing help.

Everyone entered into the fun and had a good time. One woman said, "I had forgotten that I could play, but I surely did enjoy it." Another said, "We all need to do something occasionally to chase away the stern lines in our faces."

The agent had asked members of different clubs to be ready with something in the way of a program. The Help-One-Another Club of Bell community gave its club yell, and sang its club song. The president of the Bondville club gave two original poems and one of Edgar Guests. A girl of Little Blue community gave a reading she had given in contest work in high school. The agent read "Miranda on the Domestic Armistice," and a number of junior club songs were sung. All the women entered into this singing and enjoyed it like school girls. Tea and cocoanut macaroons were served for refreshments.

The agent was pleased with the party, and the only regret was that there was not time enough to do all the things she thought of. If some such method of getting the women to attend the meetings is continued, it may help greatly in procuring a good attendance at and interest in county-wide meetings where the work desired can be passed on to the women of the county so much more readily. - Mollie Lindsey, Home Demonstration Agent, Washington, Washington County.

Maryland

In the 1922 annual report mention was made of a play entitled "Green Stockings." This was given in January of 1923 for the benefit of a community playground which had been purchased by the men's community club of Easton and to which different organizations of the town were lending their financial support. The play drew a full house, and the newspapers spoke of it as being one of the most creditable performances ever put on in Easton.

In February the club was reorganized under the name of the Easton Players. After a little time spent in the selection of a new play, "Come Out of the Kitchen" was finally decided upon. This play was given to a crowded house early in May for the benefit of the local fire department. The players showed marked improvement in the talents which they had been developing all winter, and the audience was much pleased.

In the coming December the play entitled "Wedding Bells" will be given for the benefit of the children's home, as a drive is being put on to raise a large sum of money for improvements to that institution. While the agent has not had very much to do with this play, it is the result of her thought and effort in the original organization work.

The Euterpean Choral Society, of which the agent is a member, gave three benefit concerts during the year. A sacred concert was given in November for the benefit of the community park, one in January for the benefit of the home for aged women, and one in May for the local firemen.

A Christmas Eve celebration was held in the New Theater, when the community was invited to sing Christmas carols led by the chorus. A community tree was lighted in the courthouse grounds during Christmas week.

During the month of August a drive was made by the men's community club of Easton to raise money to complete the payment on Community Park and to make a few much needed improvements. During this drive the Baltimore-Sun newsboys' band made a tour of the shore, and this band was used as a drawing card for a celebration and picnic supper at the park. The agent assisted in the formation of the parade which led to the park and in the entertainment of the band and was instrumental in turning in a good many subscriptions toward paying for the park. - Olive K. Walls, Home Demonstration Agent, Easton, Talbot County.

Minnesota

Pageants - homemade, home staged, and of home talent entirely, were the best demonstration ever given in the county of the possibilities of making use of what we have right here at home in entertainment and educational features at the fair. Some said, "It can't be done," but it was done and not one or two pageants but five of them, and what is more they were run on schedule time, and they were a go. To say that they were a success is putting it mildly. The committees of the various clubs certainly did work, but they got the material and they had the people.

Red River came first in exhibit and won the banner. "The Progress of Wheat Raising" was the subject, and the old as well as the new was presented to the crowd. The part the Red River valley has taken in the past in the raising of wheat was well given. Happy Corner was first in parade and stunt features. Theirs was "Crop Systems" and it presented not only the past but also the big change now taking place in the valley, the passing of the wheat and the coming of the clovers and cultivated crops. The boxing match in which sweet clover defeated sow thistle was a winner. According to the judges it was the best single feature of all the pageants. Hallock community presented the "Progress of Stock Raising" while Two River had "Farm Improvements."

The women's club of Hallock staged a pageant, "The History of Women," depicting the progress of women in this county in various stages - "The Indian Period," "The Pioneer Period," "1900," and "1923," This, with the accompanying drills and dances, was exceptionally good. - W. V. Longly, County Agent, Hallock, Kittson County.

Nevada

Aside from the work done during the annual meeting, which followed a series of livestock meetings conducted under the auspices of the county farm bureau, the day and evening before, there was the development of a wholesome social and recreational program. According to the local newspapers, "It was a barbecue that will never be forgotten."

Under the able management of Harvey Fröhner with the assistance of some of the leading citizens and the cooperation of the St. Thomas community center, from 400 to 500 people were served, fed with the choicest of roasted beef and sandwiches - all without a hitch. Everyone was filled to his palate's desire. Expressions of satisfaction concerning the outcome of the entire program, including the baseball game, the boxing matches, and the evening's dancing parties, were heard from every side. - J.H. Wittwer, County Agent, Las Vegas, Clark County.

The women having realized how much they needed the get-together meetings, two communities organized projects in this subject with satisfactory results. In our county there are factions in some of the communities, and I know in one community these meetings have brought the people together and they are forgetting their animosities.

Elko Community held recreational meetings each month at which the members and their friends entertained. One of the feature parties was a Mother-Goose party. The invitations read:

Please come dressed in a nursery rhyme
And we will give you a very good time.
Don't tell a soul which rhyme you be
But let them guess from what they see.
Two is the hour and Monday the day,
Come and play with us in a jolly old way.

Thirty-five came in Mother-Goose costumes. The costumes included Old Mother Hubbard, Witch, Mistress Mary, Old Woman in the Shoe, Little Miss Muffett, Little Red Riding Hood, King and Queen of Hearts, and Jack Sprat and his Wife, Mary and her Little Lamb, Cinder Ann, Margery Daw, and Jack-be-nimble who kept jumping over the candle stick. A merry time ensued as each was given a number and a contest was on to see who could guess the greatest number of characters.

Tea, nut bread, and orange bread sandwiches were served, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and thought that we came a little closer together in our club work.

Another party was given on November 3, at Lee. The hall was trimmed in Hallowe'en decorations. The fortune teller's booth, fish pond, and bean bag furnished a great deal of amusement. The candy booth, punch booth, and cafeteria were generously patronized. The cake and candy raffles brought a goodly sum. Dancing and splendid music were also a part of the entertainment. It was one of the most successful and enjoyable events ever given by the home makers.
- F. E. McElhinney, Home Demonstration Agent, Elko, Elko County.

New Mexico

The community Christmas tree in San Miguel County was one of the loveliest things of the year and brought about a spirit of good will between the town and county people that is hard to find elsewhere. The home demonstration agent writes the following:

"The home demonstration agent encouraged the women of the county to have community Christmas trees and socials. No money was available, but the local leaders and agent had planned different forms of entertainment and gifts in the form of remodeled clothing for younger children. The Rotary Club of Las Vegas heard of the plans and decided to make it the best Christmas the rural children had ever had and asked the demonstration agent to meet with a committee from the club. No definite plans were made except that every rural child was to have a real toy, a bag of candy, nuts, apples, and oranges. The time was short and it was necessary to get an estimate of the number of toys needed and the cost. As the toys were to be ordered from a wholesale house, there was not time to make a canvass of the county. The agent suggested that the work be taken up in the organized communities. The suggestion met with the approval of the people and a second meeting was planned. The home demonstration agent immediately sent out circulars to each local leader asking for the information desired, and when the next committee-meeting day came, to the surprise of the committee the agent had

the name, age, and sex of every child. This helped determine the type of toy to order and would have been impossible in unorganized communities.

The toys were ordered at once from the commercial toy house, and the agent had the privilege of helping to select 252 toys in the first shipment. Others were ordered later. All the toys ordered were of high grade, and besides these the Rotarians bought underwear for the most needy of the children, and shoes and stockings for some children who had never owned any before.

The basement room of the Y.M.C.A. building was used for a storeroom and for the wrapping of all the toys. The Rotarians not only took care of the financial end of the affair, but they helped the agent with all the work. Personal letters were sent out to each child before Christmas. Local leaders were busy getting everything lined up, and everybody seemed anxious to help in every way possible. The rural people gathered together in three groups, one tree was at Cherrydale, one at Rencona, and one at Las Vegas for all communities on the mesa.

The Christmas of 1922 was one never to be forgotten by the rural people of San Miguel County. Entertainment in the form of games was enjoyed by young and old and was conducted by the home demonstration agent. The Rotarians and other business men pronounced the rural Christmas parties the most successful they had ever seen staged." - C. F. Monroe, Extension Director, New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, State College.

New York

Community socials, community sings, and other recreational activities have been many and varied. The majority of these have been conducted under local leadership. One hundred and sixteen recreational activities with a total attendance of 9,994 have been reported. The agent has attended 68 of these and conducted community sings or supervised recreation as the occasion demanded.

In March a three-day institute in rural dramatics was held at Batavia. This institute was conducted by Elizabeth Green of the rural social organization department. Forty-nine delegates were sent by communities to this institute; and the attendance, in spite of blizzards, was 118.

In June an additional one-day school was granted Mrs. Green to come again and devote the entire time to the subject of "make-up."

In June a series of recreational training schools was arranged in cooperation with the Playground and Recreational Association of America. The representation from rural communities was not as large as expected, because the farm people could not leave home at that busy season. The course included practical demonstrations and practice in games, community singing, marching, group formations, and singing games, including a few simple folk dances.

The Little County Theater competition at the Genesee fair is the chief accomplishment of this year's rural dramatic project. The fact that this competition has weathered through the third season with increasing interest in this type of entertainment is decidedly encouraging. Eight communities competed, and the standard of one-act plays produced was raised noticeably. The agricultural society enclosed an open pavilion to make a more attractive theater on the fair grounds, thus affording accommodations for 200 persons in the auditorium. Four performances were given daily with a total attendance of 3,200. - F. E. Searles, Home Demonstration Agent, Batavia, Genesee County.

North Carolina

Miss Swindell of Hertford County and Miss Wilson of Washington County are doing noticeable community work among the clubs of their counties. Miss Swindell says, "At most every club meeting there is a program and often refreshments are served. Periodically we have a social at each club. Often we have get-together meetings among the country club people; we have supper on the ground, play games, tell jokes, and have a good talk by some local man or woman. At one place social meetings were held each month in the summer, the attendance ranging from 40 to 50 people. At some of the clubs the month of September is used for socials, because the teachers are coming into the communities and we take this time to greet them."

Miss Swindell has been instrumental in getting seats and swings placed in a beautiful grove overlooking the Chowan river at Winton, and here once each week during the warm weather she directs community activities.

Miss Wilson of Washington County says, "I find that the recreation side of our work has meant so much to the home demonstration work in our county. In other words, I feel that the recreational work is as important to our work as physical training is to schools. In the communities where we have done quite a bit to amuse the people, we always get better and more satisfactory work done when it comes to putting a project across. In each community in the county we have had community meetings at which we devote a greater part of the time to recreation."

In an isolated section of Nash County in what is known as the old gold-mine section, where the roads are impassible and the nearest public road is 4 miles distant, there is a community of people who are pathetically uncivilized. On December 29, with the county Red Cross nurse and three club women, we carried a Christmas tree, Christmas gifts, an organ, victrola, confectionaries, and a large cooler of milk to this community and gave these people their first Christmas tree. We spent the day telling them stories, teaching them songs, taking pictures, and trying to teach them to play. There was not a person in the community who could read or write or that knew a song. We made hot chocolate and wafers and served them to the entire crowd, and it was a real joy to see the sparkling eyes of the little folk and the big folk as they gazed at the tree.

As a result of this and other trips and due to reports of conditions in that community, conditions have been investigated by members of the chamber of commerce and other influential citizens, and they have been assured by the road commissioners of a public highway through this section in order to bring these people to better schools and in closer touch with the people of the neighboring communities. - Pauline Smith, District Agent, Washington, N. C.

Ohio

At a meeting held early in the year, the board of directors of the county fair decided that they would like to have a pageant put on in September. In scouting around to find a group to put on the pageant, they decided to select the boys and girls club organization. This was a real test of what we could do, and it is very gratifying to state that the leaders proved themselves 100 per cent for the test.

The pageant, "Be Fit, America," was staged through the cooperation of J. Clarence Sullivan, Director of recreation of the city of Columbus. There were 12 episodes in the pageant, and as many districts had one episode. A

teacher was hired to train these groups, which were made up of club members in the different localities. Each group had an average of seven rehearsals and one general rehearsal on the Saturday afternoon before the production on the following Wednesday and Thursday evenings. It is conservative to state that the pageant was a success financially and that it filled the need of a clean and inspiring entertainment at the county fair. I believe the pageant to be a great form of recreation for the club members as well as a big factor in maintaining interest in club work at the county fair. - D. E. Hill, Club Agent, Cleveland, Cuyahoga County.

Oklahoma

The club pageant during farm congress at the agricultural and mechanical college on August 23, was very successful and put the dairy work before 2,000 visitors.

The first act portrayed the territorial methods of dairying. A pioneer and his wife brought in two scrub cows, and a tall boy, poorly dressed, demonstrated the old way of milking in a tin cup and had a gallon bucket over his arm. The second cow was attended by a small boy who did not attempt to milk but called the calf to do the work for him.

The second act portrayed modern dairy practices and included five of the finest Jerseys and four of the best Holsteins ready for show. Twelve barn men dressed in white suits and caps, 10 club girls dressed as milk fairies, and 12 boys assisted in this act. The float carried a Jersey cow with a milking machine attached. Two fairies attended her. This was followed by four Jerseys and four Holsteins. Each cow was led by a barn man, followed by a fairy and attended by a boy who carried dairy equipment. The small-top pail, strainer, bale of alfalfa hay, bag of feed, churn, freezer, card record sheets, and the Babcock tester portrayed sanitary milk production, liberal feeding, economic butter production, the ice cream factory, importance of herd records, and the value of testing cows. - J. W. Boehr, Dairy Specialist, Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College, Stillwater.

Pennsylvania

This being the fiftieth encampment of the Center County Pomona Grange, a special feature was suggested as a fitting celebration for the occasion. It was decided that this special feature should be given in the form of an educational and historical pageant which would portray the development of agriculture since 1860, showing the agencies, national, State, and county, which have had a part in and have been responsible for this development up to the present time and also showing the factors leading up to the organization of the Grange, its fundamental principles, and the essential part the Grange has taken in assisting with this work which has meant so much for a happier and more prosperous rural life.

The request for assistance in this project was made to the county agricultural extension service; and feeling this would be a great opportunity to cooperate with the Grange as a farmer's organization in putting across a real educational piece of work, W. R. Gordon, in charge of rural sociology extension, prepared and presented the pageant.

It was a big undertaking to organize 300 people to take part in the presentation. The plan of organization gave each local subordinate Grange a

definite part. Here was a field to develop leadership, for someone had to take the responsibility for the local group. This was the first time anything of the character had been attempted on a county-wide scale, hence it required more organization than would be the case were all the talent taken from one community.

The pageant was presented two evenings at the Center Hall encampment and fair before a total of 6,000 people and was considered highly successful by all. Much credit is due many public-spirited people of the county, both in the Grange and outside of it, for the time and talent they so willingly contributed toward the success of the project.

Many officers of the State Grange saw this pageant at Center Hall and thought so well of it that they requested the Center County organization to adapt it to inside showing and present it in Pittsburg at the time of the State and National Grange meeting in November.

This was done, and the pageant was presented with success at the Motor Square Garden, Pittsburg, on November 15, before 9,000 delegates.

The educational value of this work lies not only in the material presented but also in the training of rural leadership which will be of great assistance in the future in making a more pleasant rural social life. - J. N. Robinson, County Agent, Bellefonte, Center County.

Tennessee

On rally day the boys and girls assembled on the campus of the Southern Presbyterian University at 10 a.m., with a basket lunch.

W. L. Hayes, Community Service, Inc., and G. L. Herrington, State Club leader directed games, stunts, songs, and community singing. United States Senator John K. Shields addressed the boys and girls; and there was a patriotic reading, "Dot Poy George-O-Washington." Another delightful feature was an oratorical number, "Casey at the Bat."

The sumptuous feast was enjoyed by 176 boys, girls, and grown-ups. The band from the Odd Fellows Home arrived at 1 o'clock to head the club parade through town.

Six different clubs with 130 boys and girls were in the parade, and each division was designated by a banner showing the name of the club. Each banner was carried by one boy or girl. The corn-club boys followed immediately after the band; this division was headed by a little farm wagon full of ears of corn, and on the seat of the wagon was a small boy in overalls, blue shirt, and straw hat, driving two club boys. The group of boys marching behind this wagon carried ropes at either side, and swinging from the ropes were ears of corn made of bristol board and painted in green and white. Next were the girls in the gardening and canning club. Their work was featured by a wheelbarrow containing a market basket full of vegetables. The girls wore red and green paper caps and fluttering from the ropes at either side were tomatoes painted in vivid red and green.

The boys in the sheep club followed next. A small lamb in a wire coop on a wheelbarrow headed the group, and on the ropes were hanging cardboard sheep. The next group was the girls sewing and cooking clubs, with an exhibit of yeast and quick breads in a wheelbarrow, and two girls carried a stick from which was hung the sewing exhibit. The color scheme of this group was green and white. White paper caps and green bands were worn, and the 4-H club emblems in green were used on the ropes at the sides.

The next group in order was the pig club with a 40-pound black pig in the wheelbarrow. Cardboard pigs of the different colors grown in the pig club were used in this group.

Last came the poultry club, the members wearing red and white caps. A coop of Rhode Island Reds, a hen and 10 broiler-size chickens, were in the wheelbarrow, and red hens decorated the ropes.

Altogether, it was an unique parade, and attracted quite a lot of favorable comment from the people in the town.

After the parade the girls assembled in a group, and first and second year certificates were awarded to those ready for them. The boys had a ball game on the college diamond. - Oma Whorley, Home Demonstration Agent, Clarksville, Montgomery County.

West Virginia

There was a much larger crowd at the second annual farm women's camp at Jackson's Mill than at the first, the enrollment being 125 against 83 last year. The program was more varied and seemed to meet the hearty approval of the women. They seemed well content with the sleeping quarters; and many were the expressions of appreciation of the good, well-balanced meals which were served.

It was wonderful to see the spirit with which the campers entered into every phase of the camp life. It was no trouble at all to organize a health unit, form a little choir, get actors for the health play, organize a horesehoe-pitching team, obtain players for a volley-ball game, and baseball-well that baseball game had to be seen to be appreciated! We could now furnish the leagues with an entirely new set of rules.

The first day the women were divided into three tribes, and each tribe vied with the others to see which could win in the athletic games and stunts. Unless you are a perfect grouch it would have done your heart good to see how care was laid aside, the years slipped away, and all were young again. Tribal yells and songs made the mess hall a lively place at meal time. The stunts put on "stunt night" were original, amusing, and instructive.

Three of the evenings were given over to lectures. The musical program was again in charge of Rose Morgan of Columbia University.

Our school, health, legislative, recreational, home-industries, and loan-fund work was brought before each woman, and interest in these phases of the women's club work was stimulated.

A play, "The Old Peabody Pew," given by the French Creek women's club was well received and was a good illustration of the kind of play farm women's clubs can give.

One very impressive feature of the camp was the raising and lowering of the flag each day. Two women did this while the others sang some patriotic song. At the end of the day, just at the sunset hour, we gathered on the green for our vespers. These services were in charge of a different county each day. We can not but be better women because of these simple, heartfelt services held so near to nature's heart. - C. H. Hartly, Assistant Extension Director, College of Agriculture, West Virginia University, Morgantown.